

NEW ADMINISTRATION POLICY.

Practical Men to the Front, Ornamental Men to the Rear.

Special to the Sentinel.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—There is a very general impression among the chiefs of bureaus of the various departments that their resignations will soon be called for, and many of them are taking time by the forelock and seeking for other spheres of usefulness. Secretary Manning said to a friend to-day that the officers whose resignations were asked for the other day were capable men, but that their places could easily be filled by others equally as competent. There are any number of old hacks at the head of bureaus and divisions here who are manifestly incompetent, and who "hang on," as it were, through political influence. The watchword of this administration, to quote Senator Gorman, is, "Young and practical men to the front, ornamental men to the rear."

Memorial Meeting.

Special to the Sentinel.

SPRINGFIELD, Ind., April 3.—The memorial meeting last night of the Bar of Owen Circuit Court, in honor of the late William A. Montgomery, was an interesting one, and its solemn and appropriate proceedings were participated in by the members of the association representing several neighboring counties. Speeches were made by Hon. G. W. Grubbs, Judge J. C. Robinson, Hon. W. R. Harrison, A. W. Fullerton, Colonel J. H. Jordan, Steele, Dr. Cox, Archer and Judge A. M. Cunningham, all of which were concise, just and generous, and delivered with becoming impressiveness. The speeches of Grubbs, Robinson, Jordan and Judge Cunningham were especially fitting, and admirable in tone and style of delivery. That of Major Grubbs (read from his manuscript) was so beautiful and truthful a sketch of the life of the departed that the bar passed a resolution requesting a copy for publication, and it will be published here in the home papers next week. It is a literary gem, coming fully up to Major Grubbs' most graceful public performances hitherto.

Judge Cunningham's Court is busy this week and next with the \$20,000 civil suit for damages, begun by the City Marshal of Martinsville (William Cox), vs. Ed. V. Mitchell and Wesley A. Stout, all of Martinsville, for personal injuries sustained in a rowing year ago on the banks of Martinsville. The State case growing out of this difficulty against Mr. Stout was tried last November, and the facts connected therewith were, in the main, published at the time in your paper. About 100 witnesses from Morgan County will be in attendance upon the court case, while the hotels are already pretty well filled up with them. The attorneys employed are Harrison & McCall, Jordan & Matthews, Robinson & Fowler, for plaintiff; Mitchell & Cox, Grubbs & Parks, and Willis Hickum, for defendants.

Jasper County Items.

Special to the Sentinel.

KENNESAW, Ind., April 3.—In the case of the State of Indiana vs. George Stitz, defendant, charged with the crime of arson in burning his butcher shop to defraud the insurance companies, was found guilty after the jury had deliberated about twenty-four hours, and fixed his punishment at one year in the State Prison North. The result of the incendiarism was the destruction of the principal business houses in the beautiful little town of Remington, in this county, about one year ago. George Stitz, previous to his embarking in the butcher business, was a thrifty farmer (owning 100 acres of land) and now leaves behind him a family of six children and a broken-hearted wife. He is a German in the prime of life.

The murderer, Welborn Wartner, who is now under sentence to be hanged on the 15th day of May, has lost all his cheerfulness and appears to be awaiting the terrible ordeal of execution with a great deal of fear and consternation. He no longer sleeps well of nights, and scarcely eats one meal in five. Probably this dejection of spirit is caused by the failure of his wife to get signers to her petition, which she circulated to have the Governor to change the sentence to life imprisonment in the State Prison.

Jail Delivery.

CHICAGO, April 3.—Four persons escaped from the county jail about 8 o'clock last night. The escape was effected from the boys' department, in the ceiling of which there is an iron trap-door, fastened with a brass padlock. The lock was probably picked with a wire. Between the ceiling and the roof there is space enough for a man to creep through. The persons crept on all four to one of the ventilators. Then they bent the small bars and cut the perforated sheet-iron, and fastening to the roof about five feet of rope, which had been cut from the high windows, they made their descent to the alley, a distance of about fifty feet. Three of the escaped prisoners, George Lewis, alias Charles Frey, "Stubby" Hicks and Frank Taylor, are boys, and are under sentence for five years in the Reform School on the charge of burglary. William Schroeder, an alleged crook, aged twenty-eight, completes the quartet. He also is charged with burglary, but is not yet indicted, and was confined in the boys' department to prevent him from talking to his "pal." The prisoners who escaped have been scrubbing the floors in the boys' department, and in consequence of their good behavior had not been locked up.

Utah Commissioners at Work.

Special to the Sentinel.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The Board of Utah Commissioners now in session here will, it is expected, formulate a report touching the polygamy question, that will teach the Mormons to violate the laws of the United States is a crime not to be overlooked. Ex-Senator Paddock, one of the Commissioners, said to the Sentinel correspondent this evening: "While we are bound to secrecy for the present, I will say this, that if Congress will adopt our suggestions in regard to polygamy in Utah Territory, that that blot upon our country will be wiped out. The members of the commission have held several interviews with the President, Secretary Lamar and Attorney General Garland regarding their report. The latter gentleman has made several suggestions touching the legal features of the report."

A Shocking Affair.

PALESTINE, Tex., April 3.—A fatal shooting affair occurred last night at a dance given at a farm-house three miles west of this city. Albert Nichols and Thomas Lloyd, two young farmers, attended the dance, and it was afterward learned, to pick a quarrel with Zack Foster, a popular and quiet young man from town, who had refused to introduce Nichols and Lloyd to certain ladies. While Foster was in the yard, during an interval in the

dance, Nichols and Lloyd grossly insulted him, and then rushed upon him with drawn pistols. Foster quickly sent a bullet through Nichols' heart, and with a second shot despatched the wounded man. During the melee a stray bullet mortally wounded Sydney Price, a spectator. Foster escaped, but has sent word that he will surrender to-day.

Seymour Items.

SKYMOON, Ind., April 3.—The new one-and-a-half story frame residence of Garrett Massman, situated in the extreme part of the city, took fire yesterday afternoon. The fire department responded, but in consequence of the remoteness of the fire, the building was totally destroyed, together with all the household goods in the upper story. The loss is not less than \$1,000; insured for \$800 in Pacific Lumber's agency, this city. Cause, defective flue.

Several families who moved from this neighborhood to Missouri and Kansas, and, failing to find that section the bonanza they expected, have returned, satisfied to live and die in Indiana.

This spring has been one of the best for making maple molasses we have had for years, over 2,000 gallons having been made in this county to date. One farmer of this township has made over 200 gallons.

The building of an amphitheater 40x150 feet and 20 feet high in the Cyclone Driving Park was yesterday awarded to Commissioner John Home. The cost will be about \$1,700.

Another Discrimination Suit—The Courier Apologizes.

Special to the Sentinel.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 3.—R. H. Godman has brought another important suit against the L. E. and W. Railroad in the Superior Court similar to the one already entered about two months ago, for discrimination. Plaintiff orders the road to at once reduce his fare of shipment and transport his goods at the same rate as those of Barrett, Knight & Co. The former suit has been removed on a change of venue to Burton County. The present one is set for trial April 13.

The Lafayette Courier of Wednesday evening made a complete apology to Walter C. Powell, prosecuting attorney, which entirely vindicates that gentleman of the charges made against him. It is sufficient for Mr. Powell to let the matter drop now and make no further prosecution of it. The Courier has been very rash in its publications and the apology was a timely production. This ought to teach the editors a lesson and make them more careful in the future.

Rushville Notes.

Special to the Sentinel.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., April 3.—The appointment by Governor Gray of Ben L. Smith, of this city, as one of the Trustees of the Knightstown Home, meets the approbation of the leading men of both parties. The people of Indiana may rest assured that the interests of the Home will never suffer while Mr. Smith is a member of the board.

Hon. John W. Kern, Reporter of the Supreme Court, was here among his many warm friends yesterday.

John Cross, an inmate of the County Asylum, who attempted suicide Wednesday, will probably recover.

Penn Bank Conspirators.

PITTSBURG, April 3.—The trial of ex-President Riddle and Cashier Reiber, charged with conspiring to defraud the Penn Bank, will be taken up in the Criminal Court next Monday. Riddle, who is under \$20,000 bonds to appear when the case is called, has been missing for several weeks, but his friends claim that he will be on hand when he is wanted. As George Wartner is reported to have said that, in his opinion, the bank would not be able to pay 5 per cent. of its indebtedness.

Failures During the Week.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days, as reported to R. G. Dunn & Co. to-day, are the smallest chronicled in any week since the year 1883 commenced. In the United States there were 197 and in Canada 34, or a total of 231, against 277 last week and 256 the week previous to the last. Three-fourths of the failures are furnished by the Western, Southern and Pacific States. In New York City the assignments are light and few.

Moody and Sankey.

PITTSBURG, April 3.—Moody and Sankey, the evangelists, will commence a series of meetings in this city next Thursday. The services will be held in the Fifth avenue Market Hall, which has accommodations for 5,000 persons. The arrangements are in charge of a company composed of all religious denominations in the city, and it is expected that auditors will be in attendance from all points in western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Eastern Ohio.

Trustees Make a Proposition.

BALTIMORE, April 3.—The Trustees of Pope, Cole & Co., have made a proposition to pay eighty cents on the dollar of the \$300,000 unsecured liabilities, of which \$100,000 is to be paid in cash, and the remainder on time. The assets are large, and there is a probability a settlement will be made on that basis. Such a result will assure the continuance of the cooper works, one of the most important industries of Baltimore.

Death Before Arrest.

MANSION, Iowa, April 3.—Alvin Allen, of Walcott, Vt., while being pursued by an officer and posse of men here yesterday, who wished to arrest him for forgery, fired four bullets at his pursuers and the fifth through his own brain, killing himself instantly. Letters found on his person indicate that he was a fugitive from justice elsewhere and resolved never to be taken alive.

Decision Favorable to Banks.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 3.—Chancellor W. W. McDowell yesterday rendered a decision in which he held that the premiums charged by Building and Loan Associations was usury. This decision, if sustained by the Supreme Court, to which the case in issue was appealed, will materially effect the workings of many institutions.

Grant's Burial Place.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The friends of General Grant have been informed that he has expressed a desire to be buried at Washington, and they are consulting as to what action shall be taken when he dies. It is said that General Sherman will have the matter in charge, and that the funeral will take place here.

Gift to Presbyterianism.

CHICAGO, April 3.—Mrs. C. H. McCormick and C. H. McCormick, Jr., representing the estate of C. H. McCormick, have made a further donation to the Presbyterian Theological Seminary here of \$100,000. Alto-

gether the Seminary has now received from the McCormick family about \$300,000.

Battle in Central America.

LA LIBERTAD, San Salvador, April 3.—On Sunday, Barrios, with a force of 15,000 Guatemalans, assaulted the Salvadorian forces on the plains of Santa Anna, and, after ten hours' desperate fighting, was driven across the frontier with great loss.

Degenerated into a Farce.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 3.—In the joint Assembly the members were in a rather festive mood, and cast votes for various persons, including Haines, Andrew Jackson, Streeter, McMillan, Morrison, Logan, and others. Adjourned.

"OFFENSIVE PARTISAN"

A Howard County Specimen in Article to the Sentinel—A Good Democrat Crystallizing as His Successor.

During the campaign just past no citizen of Howard County was more offensive in his partisan warfare than T. M. Kirkpatrick, the defunct Collector of Internal Revenue of the Kokomo District. He did not accord to others an honest difference of opinion in regard to political matters. He believed all Democrats were rebels, and Thomas A. Hendricks, whom all Indiana Democrats love, the arch traitor of all. His abuse of Hendricks and Cleveland was coarse and offensive. He frequently made the remark, "I am not willing yet to turn this Government over to the rebels." His subsequent conduct has shown that he was not yet ready to let go of the public test. He is a first-class representative of that numerous body of Republican pay-stickers who are singing—

When we've been there ten thousand years,
And sucked from sun to sun,
'Tis just as hard to quit the test,
As when we first began.

For many days after the November election Mr. Kirkpatrick could not realize that the grand old party had been blown to smithereens, that she was stranded and had gone down beneath the waves of the political sea.

When he finally had to look the bald-headed truth squarely in the face he acted like one lost. His amazement was profound. His query was "How in the devil was it done?" Since that time he has wandered about like a stranger in a strange land. He reminds one of the lost spirit in Milton's "Paradise Lost." He is a male Rachel weeping for his children, refusing to be comforted because they are not.

The Democrats of Kokomo and Indiana pressed J. O. Henderson, of the Dispatch, for the Collectorship. His ability as a newspaper man is conceded with one exception, and that exception is his puny competitor for newspaper patronage in Kokomo. When the name of Henderson was proposed in the Senate, Mr. Kirkpatrick fully realized that he had to let go of the office of the test. Word was sent to Ben Harrison that Kirkpatrick had been hit with a political sand-bag, and that something must be done to resuscitate him politically. Since the name of J. O. Henderson was sent in by the President, Mr. Kirkpatrick has been pining for his old office, and he has been on the street who will listen to him.

Mr. Henderson is deservedly very popular here with all classes, and the conduct of Kirkpatrick is disgusting his best friends even among his own party. To-day Milton Garrison, who once called Kirkpatrick a pig, is disgusted with Kirkpatrick's cynicism.

Is it not surprising, Mr. Editor, that such a truly loyal man would desire to hold office under this rebel party?

His conduct belies his words. It shows that his desire of success was not for the good of his country, but that he might cling to the spoils of office.

Mr. Henderson will be confirmed Collector and Mr. Kirkpatrick will be retired.

Giving the Enemy the Gans.

Running a Democratic administration with Republican officials is like fighting an enemy to whom you have handed your gun. You mean to whip your enemy, but to do so you place him behind the breastworks, hand him your gun and then demand his immediate surrender. You intend to purge out official corruption, and to do so you place in charge of the offices the very men whom you accuse of fraud and then you demand reform.

What a farce! The Democrats said in their speeches and through their papers that the Republican officials were corrupt "rascals" and must be turned out. The people believed the charge and went to the polls and voted to turn them all out from President to the clerk in the department. The voters are now told that it was only a ruse to get heads of departments out that a few Democrats might get in, but that the balance of the force was pure and holy. This is the plain English of the scheme. There was no more necessity of turning out President Arthur than there is of turning out the force under him, and every Democratic vote cast for Cleveland was cast for some Democrat, or some one who was aiding the Democrats, to take the place of Republicans as much as it was for Cleveland to take the place of Arthur. To change the head and retain the corrupt body will not answer the Democratic votes cast last fall. It is true that out of nearly five million voters who stood up for Cleveland and that there are not enough to be found who can read and write to fill the offices? If so, hereafter let all vote the Republican ticket. But if President Cleveland is the honest and fair man that we thought he was when we all voted for him he will yet make a change of clerks all along the line. Mr. Cleveland, this is what we meant last November. This Government was not established for one class to the exclusion of all others. If the object of Washington was merely to change the Government from King George to a dozen American Kings, then did the fathers die in vain. Carry out the promises all along the line is the demand.

Thirteen.

[New York Times.]
The "Thirteen Club," which annually sits down at dinner on Friday, thirteen strong, prides itself on having overthrown the so-called superstition that thirteen is an unlucky number. In point of fact the club has shown that it is as ignorant of the nature of ill-luck as it is reckless in trifling with it.

The attempt to test the validity of an unlucky sign by voluntarily and boldly trifling with it is a very foolish proceeding. It is, in the way, as great a display of ignorance as Professor Tyndall made when he proposed his famous prayer-gauge. You can not test the value of prayer in any such way; neither can you prove that to sit down at dinner with twelve persons besides yourself is unlucky by simply doing it.

Everybody knows that if thirteen people dine together the very worst kind of ill-luck will follow. The members of the Thirteen Club have assumed that death is the inevitable form in which the alleged ill-luck manifests itself, and as all of them are not yet dead, they assume that they have disproved the theory that thirteen is an unlucky number. This assumption is utterly unwarranted. Ill-luck, like good luck, can not be deflected, and it is the very nature of ill-luck to manifest itself in unexpected ways.

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